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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 5, 2011

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT - VIA EFS

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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2011, Applicants now submit the following Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, comprising the following parts:

- I. Amendments to the Specification, beginning on page 2;
- II. Listing of the Claims, beginning on page 3;
- III. Remarks, beginning on page 9; and
- IV. Conclusion, beginning on page 16.

The shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire three months from the mailing of the aforementioned Office Action, i.e., on January 5, 2011. This paper is being timely submitted within the shortened statutory period for reply. Accordingly, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.